

# **\*Attempt To Identify\* Public Assistance Needed Identifying Robbery Suspect- Bear**



Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspect who committed an armed robbery.

At approximately 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2021, troopers responded to the La Morena, located at 757 Pulaski Highway, Bear, for a knife point robbery. The investigation determined a male suspect entered the grocery store and confronted an employee behind the sales counter. The suspect displayed a large kitchen knife and removed an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register. The suspect then entered a small drawer below the register and removed cashier checks. The suspect fled on foot eastbound towards Pulaski Highway. The employee gave chase which caused the suspect to drop his phone. The employee picked it up, but gave it back after the suspect engaged the victim again brandishing the knife. The suspect then ran to a black sedan parked in the rear of the business and fled the scene. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, early to mid 20's, approximately 5'7" tall, with an average build, and possibly operating a black four door sedan.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Kirchenbauer of Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8428. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

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